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1. TWO YEAR DELAY OF PAKISTANI RESPONSE TO ARPA'S INITIAL OFFER OF SEISMIC STATION HAS LED TO COMPLICATIONS ARPA HOPES TO RESOLVE BEFORE YEAR END. TWELVE OF THIRTEEN PROJECTED SRO STATIONS HAVE BEEN FIRMLY COMMITTED, WHILE THIRTEENTH WAS OFFERED ELSEWHERE IN BELIEF THAT PAKISTAN DID NOT INTEND TO RESPOND AFTER LONG HIATUS. NEVERTHELESS, POSSIBILITY OF DIVERTING ONE OF THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT SETS TO PAKISTAN IS BEING EXPLORED. SHOULD ARPA BE UNABLE TO MAKE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE BY END OF THIS YEAR, DECISION ON PRODUCING NEW EQUIPMENT WILL BE MADE ABOUT APRIL 1976, PRIMARILY ON BUDGETARY GROUNDS.

2. ARPA REGRETS CONFUSION RESULTING FROM LONG DELAYED PAKISTANI RESPONSE AND HOPES TO RESOLVE ISSUE FAVORABLY. EMBASSY MAY USE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH PAKISTANI OFFICIALS. INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REF B REGARDING PROVISION OF
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